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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3580

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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SUBJ: SYRIAN POSITION TOWARD RATIFICATION OF BIOLOGICAL  
WEAPONS CONVENTION

REF: A. STATE 40761; B. STATE 66543

1. EMBOFF MAY 29 DISCUSSED SARG VIEW OF BIOLOGICAL  
WEAPONS CONVENTION, WHICH SYRIA SIGNED BUT HAS NOT  
YET RATIFIED, WITH DEP DIRECTOR MFA JUDICIAL AND  
TREATIES DEPT MUWAFFAK JUNEID. JUNEID STATED THAT  
ISSUE IS PRESENTLY "UNDER STUDY" BY SYRIA AND OTHER  
ARAB STATES WITHIN ARAB LEAGUE CONTEXT AND FINAL  
DECISION ON RATIFICATION WILL PROBABLY NOT EMERGE FOR  
SOME TIME.

2. MAIN REASON FOR SYRIAN RELUCTANCE TO RATIFY, ACCORDING  
TO JUNEID, IS SARG AWARENESS THAT ISRAEL HAS NOT SIGNED  
CONVENTION. HE SAID ARAB STATES ARE WATCHING FOR SOME  
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POSITIVE ISRAELI REACTION BEFORE COMMITTING THEMSELVES

TO RATIFICATION.

3. FOR WHAT IT WORTH, DATT RECENTLY TOURED HOMS  
MILITARY ACADEMY WHERE OFFICER CANDIDATES REQUIRED  
FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH DEFENSIVE MEASURES TO  
BE TAKEN IN EVENT OF HOSTILITIES INVOLVING BIOLOGICAL  
WARFARE.  
MURPHY

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